

Three Hundred Schedules

The cover of this issue of the Schedule of Activities celebrates a milestone for the Angeles Chapter—the three hundredth outings schedule to be issued in our ninety-four-year history.

Outings have always been of paramount importance to our chapter; attested by the fact that upon formation of the Southern Section of the Sierra Club in 1911, the first act of the new organization, after electing itself an Executive Committee, was the creation of a Committee on Local Excursions.

Nor was any time wasted in issuing the first Schedule, entitled “Sierra Club Local Excursions, Southern California Section, Winter 1911-12.” Its first listing, a hike up the Arroyo Seco, matches the date and destination of the chapter’s initial outing as described in a contemporary newspaper story about the founding of the new organization.

Schedule Number One set the tone and standard for all of the 299 schedules that have followed. The trip descriptions are succinct, give mileages that will be walked, and list leaders who can be contacted for additional details. In the section titled “Notes and Rules,” the importance of the outings leader is firmly established: “The leader is commander in charge of the party, and his will controls. To avoid anyone straying from the trail, the party should keep together.” (Of course, leaders have never been limited to men. From the inception of the chapter, women have served as leaders from the simplest of outings to rigorous mountaineering expeditions.)

Even though the early club was elitist in the sense that membership required the sponsorship of two current members, with sometimes the concurrence of a Membership Committee, the egalitarian heart and soul of the Sierra Club was clearly stated in a note called For the Good of the Club: “The walks are by no means for Club members only. Bring your friends. Tell them the good objects of the Club, and it is very probable they will want to join us and lend their aid to the increase of our endeavors and usefulness.” Could it be stated any better today?

The earliest schedules were published in loose-leaf format. Numbers 1 and 2 were printed on one side of an 8 ½ x 11-inch sheet. Numbers 3 through 6 each appeared on one side of a legal-size sheet, and Number 7 was printed on both sides of a single legal size sheet. (As can be imagined, these loose pieces of paper were easily lost or destroyed. The Chapter is fortunate that in 1930 Glen Dawson sought out these ephemera and obtained a complete set of the loose-leaf numbers from Mrs. Sophie Braun. Glen had these bound with other early chapter memorabilia and presented them to the Chapter Library where they reside to this day.)

Schedule Number 8 (Summer-Winter, 1914) began a remarkably long run in which the chapter activities were presented in a booklet format small enough to fit in a shirt pocket. Roughly, 3 ½ x 6 inches, this format was maintained continuously for 61 years through Schedule Number 208 (1975). In that span, the Schedule grew from just 8 pages between the covers to a whopping 224 pages, reaching close to the binder’s limit for a center-stapled, center-folded publication. Something had to give, and so the page size was boosted to 5 ½ x 8 ½ inches, which ran through Schedule Number 280 (1999). Beginning with Number 281, the Schedule has been printed in its current size format of 8 x 10 ¼ inches.

For most of its existence, the outward appearance of the Schedule consisted of a plain front cover all in text, which always carried the Sierra Club title, the name of the Chapter, the Schedule Number, and date span during which the outings were to take place. The back cover usually carried advertising, and the ads, both on the cover and inside, provided insight into the outdoors clothing and equipment of the day.

Although plain in appearance, the early covers were produced on a variety of colored stock. The earliest brief break from the plain-text cover format occurred during 1915-18, when five Schedules were pro-

duced with black and white photographs of Muir Lodge, the Chapter’s “mountain home” in Big Santa Anita Canyon from 1913 through 1938.

Among the most beautiful covers were those that reproduced the pencil and ink drawings of Ottmar Goebel, which ran almost continuously from No. 106 (1941) through No. 150 (1956). These included artistic renderings of a mountain-girt High Sierra lake, Half Dome in Yosemite, San Antonio Ski Hut, Keller Peak Ski Hut, and Harwood Lodge.

The cover design returned to plain text for over 50 issues until the adoption and usage of a stylized leaf design featured on Nos. 202-240. That brings us to the Chapter’s Diamond Jubilee year of 1986, which initiated a long run (Nos. 241-269) in which some of Goebel’s drawings were recycled and many historic photographs were used to draw attention to the Chapter’s glorious past.

Scenic black and white photographs illustrating the beauty of nature were placed on the front covers from 1995 to 2003 (Nos. 270-291), with the exception of three issues featuring historic photographs to celebrate the Sierra Club’s Outings Centennial Year in 2002.

The last major change to the Schedule cover occurred in 2003, with the adoption of color. Issues since then have either highlighted the landscape photography skills of chapter members or focused on the history and activities of various outings groups.

To an historian, the Schedule is more than a simple listing of outings conducted by the chapter—it represents a social history. For decades, the Schedule was the only chapter publication, and prior to inauguration of the Southern Sierran in 1946, it often carried a ‘Personals’ column in which readers learned who became ill or died, who was born, who acquired a new automobile, and what marriages took place resulting in some women changing their last name (the bane of social historians).

Another name change recorded in the Schedule was that of the Chapter itself. Right there on the cover is the documentary evidence of how the Chapter started out as the Southern California Section of the Sierra Club, became the Southern California Chapter beginning with Schedule No. 31 (1923), and finally morphed into the Angeles Chapter with Schedule No. 145 (1954). The post-WWII schedules record how new chapters broke away from the Southern California Chapter, as the outings of the Riverside Chapter (now San Geronio Chapter), Santa Barbara Chapter (now Los Padres Chapter), and San Diego Chapter were first published in the Schedule of the mother chapter.

The editing and production of the Schedule has varied through the years, from a single individual to large committees (26 members listed in the 1952 Schedule Committee). The Committee on Local Excursions had charge of the Schedule from 1911 to 1917, followed by the Local Walks Committee (1917-31), and Schedule Committee (1932-1995). In 1996, responsibility of the Schedule was placed under the broader Publications Administration Committee (later the Communications Committee), with a single editor in charge.

Since Chapter founder Phil Bernays produced the first Schedule in 1911, many editors have come and gone. In their thankless task, they have been models of succinctness and, above all else, accuracy. Few lasted for more than two years in succession. However, we would be remiss in not mentioning four individuals who stand out in the long line.

Ernest Dawson chaired the Committee on Local Excursions, and then the Local Walks Committee, from 1916 through 1927. He was the first chapter leader to offer extended outings over a weekend or longer, often to desert locations that he had previously scouted in one of his touring cars (one known as Pegasus and the other as Elzivir). Ernest went on to become a Club Director and eventually served as President of the Sierra Club.

Schedule Chairs/Editors

Phil Bernays	1911-15
Ernest Dawson	1916-27
Philip Grey Smith	1928
D. Ray Brothers	1929-30
John Banks	1931-32
William J. Murray	1933-34
Milton I. Wheeler	1935-36
Robert J. Schonborn	1937
Braeme E. Gigas	1938
Al E. Baldwin	1939-40
George A. Wilkens	1941
George S. Moffatt	1942
Irene Charnock	1943-44
Dorothy Sandstrom	1945-46
James L. Gorin	1946-47
Agnes W. Coogan	1948-49
T.D. Atkinson	1950
Dorothy Sandstrom	1951
Byron Graff	1952-53
Agnes Coogan	1954
Byron Graff	1955
Molly Hudson	1956-57
Dorothy Cutler	1958
Burl Parkinson	1959
Chuck Ballard	1960
Molly Hudson	1961
Ron Smith	1962
Carolyn Smith	1962
Delphine Mohrline	1963
Carol Hoelle	1964-65
Donna Den Bore	1966
Bob Van Allen	1967
Dick Akawie	1968-89
Lori Ives	1989-97
David Eisenberg	1998-present

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SIERRA CLUB LOCAL EXCURSIONS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION

Winter Season 1911-12

1. November 12. **Arroyo Seco to Glendale via Sycamore Canon.** Take 8:00 a. m. Short Line to Pasadena, transfer Altadena car, walk up Arroyo Seco, 4 miles; thence via Salidad Road, La Canada, through Sycamore Canon to Glendale. Total distance, 13½ miles. (Attendance 27.)
CLAIR S. TAPPAAN, Leader.
2. November 26. **Sawpit Canon to Deer Park;** return Monrovia. Take Monrovia car 8:05 a. m. from P. E. depot, Los Angeles, to Monrovia. Walk via Sawpit Canon to Deer Park. Elevation of Deer Park 2500 feet. Distance 6½ miles. Side trip to Falls in Sawpit.
52899. H. E. BAILEY, Leader.
3. December 2-3. **Santa Ana, Laguna and Balboa Trip.** (Especial attention to No. 3 under Notes and Rules below.) Going in two sections to aid transportation facilities. FIRST Section—Leave P. E. Depot, Los Angeles, 8:40 a. m., Santa Ana car; buy one way ticket. Arrive Santa Ana 10:00 a. m. Lunch in Santa Ana. Take noon auto car for Laguna. SECOND Section—Leave P. E. depot, Los Angeles, 2:10 p. m. Arrive Santa Ana 3:20 p. m. Take auto for Laguna. Those desiring may take any Santa Fe local, southbound, buy one way ticket Irvine Station, walk to Laguna Beach; distance, nine miles. Lodging accommodations to be reserved in cottages. Meals at restaurants. Return walk Sunday via beach to Corona-del-Mar, eight miles; ferry to Balboa. P. E. leaves Balboa 4:45 p. m. or 5:10 p. m. Arrive Los Angeles 6:07 p. m. or 6:30 p. m. Fares, Los Angeles to Santa Ana, 65 cents. Stage Santa Ana to Laguna, \$1.00. Ferry, Balboa, 25 cents. P. E. Balboa to Los Angeles, 75 cents. Lodging in Laguna, approximately \$1.50.
A1289. PHIL S. BERNAYS, Leader.
4. December 17. **Griffith Park, Lookout Mountain and Hollywood Trip.** Take Glendale car 8:00 a. m. from P. E. depot, Los Angeles, to Ivanhoe Station. Fare, 10 cents. Walk via Deer Preserve, zigzag to top of ridge; follow up Lookout Mountain. Return Hollywood cars. 6 miles.
MISS A. M. WALKER, Leader.
5. December 31, 1911, January 1, 1912. **New Year's. Switzer's Camp via Arroyo Seco.** Take 7:20 a. m. Short Line for Pasadena. 8:00 a. m. Altadena car from Colorado and Fair Oaks avenue, Pasadena. Follow up Arroyo Seco; thence via zigzag to Switzers Camp. Dinner, lodging, breakfast at Switzers. Fare to end of Altadena car, 35 cents. Switzers about \$2.25. Elevation at Switzers, 2750 feet. Distance from Pasadena to Switzers, 13 miles. (See No. 3) under Notes and Rules below. 15 mile walk each day.
F5736. PROF. EVERETT SHEPARDSON, Leader.
6. January 13-14. **Mt. Wilson to Mt. Lowe via Skyline.** Take 1:05 p. m. Sierra Madre car Saturday to Sierra Madre. Climb Wilson trail. Dinner, lodging, breakfast at Mt. Wilson Hotel, \$2.25. Early start for Mt. Lowe via Ridge. Carry lunch from hotel. Those desiring may return to the city from Mt. Lowe upon 2:00 p. m., 4:30 p. m. or 7:00 p. m. cars. Others walk to Altadena via Castle Canon. Distance from Mt. Wilson to Mt. Lowe about 6 miles.
A2683. CLAIR S. TAPPAAN, Leader.
7. January 28. **Eaton's Canon.** Take 8:05 Sierra Madre car from P. E. depot, Los Angeles. Buy round trip ticket Rincon Station. Follow up river to Eaton's Canon. Distance about 8 miles
WM. P. BOLAND, Leader.
8. February 11. **Fish Canon.** See detailed announcement in L. A. Times Thursday prior, under Special Notices.
9. February 25. **Topango Canon.** See detailed announcement in L. A. Times Thursday prior, under Special Notices.
10. March 11. **Bailey Canon, Sierra Madre.** See detailed announcement in L. A. Times Thursday prior, under Special Notices.

NOTES AND RULES

1. **Change in Time Table.** In case of change of time of departure of electric car or train, take the one leaving at the hour nearest the one given in the schedule, whether before or after. But **examine the time table before each trip.**
2. **Discipline of Walks.**.....The leader is **commander in charge** of the party, and his will controls. To avoid any one straying from the trail the party should **keep together.**
3. **Hotel Accommodations** for trips in which a stop over night is to be made must be reserved. Notify the Chairman of the Committee (personally at Room 822 Higgins Building, or by phone A1289) of intention to go **not later than Wednesday noon** before the start, when the list will be closed. If after sending in name it is found impossible to go, promptly notify the Chairman, that another may go, and to avoid assessment in some cases where remote hotels provide for more than go.
4. **Knapsack Trips.** Those desiring to knapsack may do so on any of the overnight trips. But notify the Chairman of the Committee on Local Excursions, nevertheless, and state whether or not meals will be required.
5. **Lunches.** Lunches should be taken from home for each Sunday trip and for two-day trips.
6. **Good of the Club.** The walks are by no means for Club members only. Bring your friends. Tell them the good objects of the Club, and it is very probable they will want to join us and lend their aid to the increase of our endeavors and usefulness.
7. **Schedule.** Copies of this schedule can be had at 822 Higgins Building, Los Angeles. But **keep your schedule.**
8. **NOTICES.** Announcement of Local Excursions will be advertised in the L. A. Times classified liners under Special Notices, in the Thursday morning edition preceding the trips.

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL EXCURSIONS.

Phil S. Bernays, Chairman.

An image of Schedule #1. The discolored blotch on the left side is on the original (acid contamination from piece of newspaper). Scan by Bob Cates



Ernest Dawson at desert camp near Coyote Wells c. 1925, on one of his scouting trips with his specially equipped touring car—either Elzivir or Pegasus.

Having typeset the Schedule for a number of years beforehand, it was appropriate that Lori Ives became editor of the Schedule in 1989, and over the next eight years pioneered the use of computers in production of the publication. She oversaw a period of great technological change and of growth in the number of Sections, Groups, Committees and Task Forces within the chapter.

Dave Eisenberg, current Schedule editor, took over the reins from Ives in 1998. He has continued to keep abreast of new communications and production technologies (e.g., outings submittals via email, digital imagery and composition).

But for those of us who joined the Club in the 1960s and '70s, one person represents the penultimate Schedule editor—Dick Akawie. From 1968 until 1989 when he became too ill to carry on, Dick single-handedly oversaw all phases of the Schedule. Akawie lived and breathed the Sierra Club, and he took to the outings program like a duck to water. He joined many of the activity sections, participated in a huge range of outings, and seemed to know every leader of his day. He took meticulous notes of all his outings, carefully tracing out his routes on the topo maps that seemed to be permanently attached to his person. It was rare indeed to submit an outing where Dick did not have personal first-hand knowledge of the terrain, distances, and probable weather conditions that would be encountered along the way. Perhaps it was his background as a chemist, but his dedication to preciseness and unerring attention to detail combined in Dick Akawie to create the perfect editor—and his longevity in that post will probably never be equaled.



Dick Akawie, Schedule Editor for twenty-one years: 1968-89. Photo by Bob Cates.



Lori Ives, Schedule Editor from 1989–1998.

Lastly, we who continue to consult the Schedule for its offerings of escapes into nature and adventures with our fellow Sierrans should be cautioned to not take it for granted. Over the years, there have been several moves to abandon the publication as 'too costly,' or to put the Schedule on a 'self-sustaining basis' through subscription. Adam Burk was one chapter outings leader who took these warnings to heart. Upon his death in 2002, Adam left a handsome endowment to the Friends of the Angeles Chapter Foundation, the interest from which is to be used in subsidizing the production and distribution of the Schedule to all Angeles Chapter members. Perhaps others out there may wish to emulate Adam; all you have to do is place a call to the Foundation—their contact information is inside this, the Three Hundredth Schedule.—
Bob Cates, Angeles Chapter Historian



David F Eisenberg at Harwood Lodge, October 11, 2003. Photo by Bob Cates